Scoring Whiz Pottery Fireman

Bevo Doesn't Miss Headlines

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Remember Clarence (Bevo) Francis?

Just six years ago the bashful giant set never-approached records as a collegiate basketball scorer 1,954 points and a 50.1 average in 39 straight victories.

Today Bevo's happy and contented at an unglamorous job as kiln fireman in a pottery near his old Wellsville, Ohio, home.

The other factors of the terrific triumvirate which rode to fame on Bevo's sharpshooting have also settled back, far from the rim of the spotlight.

They would be Newt Oliver, Bevo's fiery, publicity-conscious coach, and little Rio Grande College, nestled down in the southeastern Ohio hills of Gallia County.

Oliver, who master-minded the whole show, is teaching mathematics and history in a rural junior high school near Springfield, Ohio. Rio Grande, which boasted only 94 pupils when Bevo was performing his deeds of derring-do, now has a student body of 155. But the basketball record is 6-11.

Bevo's saga is a sports gem.

A puny, anemic kid, he had to be carried to his bath until he was 10. His Hammondsville, Ohio, schools had no basketball teams, so Farncis and his young neighbors formed an independent club. They played in a lighted haymow, and it was there Bevo's uncanny eye developed.

His fame as an independent spread, and he finally wound up at Wellsville high school. But officials frowned on features surrounding the family shift and he was declared ineligible for a year. As a junior he scored 776 points in 25 games. The 20-year age limit caught him, and he was ineligible as a senior.

Oliver, the Wellsville mentor, was called by Rio Grande, his alma mater, to come home as coach at $230 per month. As a student there, Oliver had led the country in scoring. (he's only 5 feet 7) in 1947-48 with 725 points.

As Oliver moved, so did Francis — although the latter had offers from three-score big colleges. Bevo was married, and he had to sell a hog to help defray his school expenses.

In class he took high school as well as collegiate subjects. By mid-year, when he received his high school diploma, he had scored 903 points in 18 games for the college. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Francis, after each game, laundered the four-year-old uniforms of the Redmen.

Bevo kept right on scoring, Rio Grande kept on winning, and the headlines got bigger. When Bevo hit 116 points in a single game, the 6-foot-9 kid was the talk of the country.

Oliver, at year's end wanted more than his $230 per month in recognition of all the publicity and the 39-game winning streak. He found it with the professionals, and again Bevo went along—to the Boston Whirlwinds. For two years they clung together, then reached a parting of the ways, Bevo forming his own pro club for a two-year campaign. He and Oliver haven't spoken in two years.

"It was rugged, that pro ball," Bevo said today. "We played as high as 250 games a year. I finally got tired of the whole thing, put basketball out of my mind and came home to go to work."

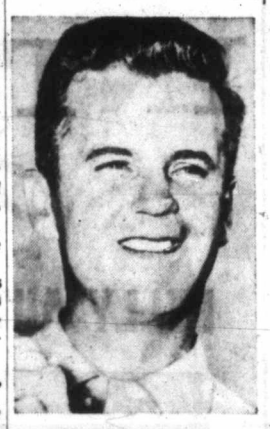
He lives at Highlandtown (population 500) with his wife, Mary, and their two children. He commutes about nine miles each way to work. He likes the job and said "I might make a career of this pottery business. I don't have any worries—I tucked away quite a bit of that pro basketball loot. No, I don't miss those headlines."

BEVO FRANCIS
. . . "got tired"

Marty Furgol Blisters Par To Lead Tucson Golf Open

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Marty Furgol played the best golf of his career to take a three-stroke lead in the $15,000 Tucson Open Thursday with an eight-under-par 62.

The 41-year-old veteran from Lemont, Ill., dropped long putts for eight birdies in blazing around the course in 31-31. He barely missed nine-foot putts for another birdie on the 17th and for an eagle on the 18th.



MARTY FURGOL
. . . torrid 62

The touring pros toyed with the 6,434-yard, par 35-35—70 El Rio layout. Fifty-four broke par. Another 13 equalled it. Playing conditions were ideal.

Gene Littler, Singing Hills, Calif., last week's winner at Phoenix, was in a four-way tie at 65. With him were Julius Boros, Mid Pines, N.C., former U.S. PGA champion, Henry Williams Jr., Fleetwood, Pa., and Joe Campbell, Knoxville, Tenn., a former collegiate golf champion.

Art Wall Jr., Pocono Manor, Pa., the pre-tourney favorite was one of five with four-under-par 66s.

Eight players were in a traffic jam with 67, five strokes behind Furgol.

Al Balding of Toronto led the eight-man Canadian contingent with a 69 while Stan Leonard of Vancouver had a 70.

Frank Willey of Edmonton and George Knudson of Winnipeg shot 71s. Willey had 37-34, and Knudson 35-36, Wilf Homeniuk of Winnipeg had a 37-37—74.

Novice Figures Open Western Skate Meet

BRANDON (CP)—Joe McEachern of Regina captured the novice men's singles and Cheryl Ann McLennan of Brandon came from behind to win the novice women's title in the Western Canada figure skating championships Thursday.

Ann Norton of Calgray led in the women's event after completion of the compulsory figures but Miss McLennan passed her in the free skating.

McEachern, a slim 13-year-old, built up a lead in the compulsory figures and extended his margin in the free skating.

A fourth straight women's pair championship went to the Meldrum twins, Margaret and Marlene, of Saskatoon. Sharon Jacques and Maureen Dandenault of Winnipeg were second while another Winnipeg pair, Glynis Henry and Dianne Stavely, were third.

Norton finished second to McLennan in the novice event and third was Shirley Robson of Winnipeg. Raymond Troyer and Bruce Barritt, both of Penticton, placed second and third behind McEachern.

In the only other event Thursday night, the silver dance initial round, Margaret McDiarmid and Michael Scott of Winnipeg took the lead over Florence and Jack Morgan of Penticton. The same pair also lead the waltz competition, which started earlier in the day.

Today will see champions declared in both junior singles along with the bronze and silver dances, with the championships winding up Saturday.

Duncan Has Heard Packers' Last Offer

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Vince Lombardi, head coach and general manager of Green Bay Packers, Thursday said he has made his final offer to Iowa quarterback Randy Duncan.

"I believe we offered him a little better than any other National Football League team could have offered him," Lombardi said at a press conference here. "I won't go any higher for him."

Duncan, an All-American and Packers' first draft choice, also is being wooed by British Columbia Lions of the Western Interprovincial Football Union. Lions offered him $35,000 for two years.

Lombardi, former New York assistant coach said Duncan probably will make up his mind about the Packers' offer "within a few days."

If Duncan does cast his lot with the Packers, Lombardi said, "He'll probably need a year of seasoning. He would be of little help this year."

Lombari indicated he would decide on his No. 1 quarterback, at least on paper, from the game films. Carryover signal callers are Babe Parilli, Bart Starr and rookie Joe Francis.

Earle Kalani Given Okay In Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver athletic commission isn't going to investigate Vancouver boxing promoter Earle Kalani's handling of a recent bout between light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore and Eddie Cotton of Seattle.

Chairman Stan Ellis made this clear Wednesday night at the commission's first meeting this year.

Rumors that an investigation would be held started circulating after only a few more than 1,000 fans turned up for the bout when it was finally held after several postponements.

The commission decided at its meeting that referees engaged for boxing competitions here will in future be engaged by the commission — not the promoter as has been the case in the past.

Hockey Scores

QUEBEC LEAGUE
Quebec 2, Trois-Rivieres 5.
Montreal 2, Chicoutimi 1.
ONTARIO SENIOR
Sudbury 2, North Bay 5.
Hull-Ottawa 6, Cornwnall 0.
ONTARIO JUNIOR
Guelph 3, Peterborough 2.
St. Catharines 5, Hamilton 1.
Marlboros 3, Barrie 5.
INTERCOLLEGIATE
Montreal 4, Laval 4.
THUNDER BAY JUNIOR
Port William Canadiens 4, Port Arthur 2.
MANITOBA JUNIOR
Winnipeg Monarchs 2, Winnipeg Braves 10.
JUNIOR EXHIBITION
Hull-Ottawa 2, Estevan 0.

Minor Soccer

Schedule of Saturday's games in Lower Island Junior and Juvenile Soccer Association:

DIVISION VII
10.30 a.m.—Bullen vs. Lansdowne at Bullen Park; Gyros vs. Central Comets at Windsor Park; Hampton Eagles vs. Evening Optimists at Hampton Park. Central Viscounts vs. Reynolds Wolves at Reynolds Park.
DIVISION VI
10.30 a.m.—Post Office vs. Esquimalt Legion at Vic West; Oak Bay Optimists vs. Evening Optimists at Windsor Park; Victoria Tire vs. Windsor at Upper Beacon Hill Park; Majestic Royals vs. Lansdowne at Majestic Park.
DIVISION V
1.30 p.m.—MacNutts vs. Esquimalt Legion at Beacon Hill Park; Reynolds Eagles vs. Hampton Eagles at Reynolds Park; Optimists vs. Legion PE 91 at Windsor Park.
DIVISION IV
1.30 p.m.—Britannia Legion vs. Central Eagles at Lansdowne Park.
DIVISION III
1.30 p.m.—Eagles vs. Colwood Pharmacy at Hampton Park.

Back to Hershey For Gord Strate

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Red Wings Thursday night announced that defenceman Gordon Strate has been returned to Hershey of the American Hockey League.

Strate, 23, was called up a month ago when an emergency arose on the Detroit club because of injuries. He played in 11 games and scored no points.

When to Fish or Hunt
SOLUNAR TABLES
by John Allen Knight

According to Solunar Tables calculated for this area, the best times for fishing and hunting for today and tomorrow will be as follows: (Times shown are Pacific Standard Time):

TODAY

A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
9.45	3.30	10.00	3.50

TOMORROW

10.25	4.10	10.45	4.35

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Senators Dump Caps

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Capitals	11	2	1	78	36	23
Maroons	6	7	1	48	54	13
Royals	5	7	2	49	51	12
Senators	4	10	0	46	80	8

Senators, sparked by David Lundquist's two-goal performance, edged league-leading Capitals, 3-2, last night at Memorial Arena in the bantam division of the Greater Victoria Minor Hockey Association.

Richard Clendinning scored the other Senators' goal with David Woodley and Peter Westaway scoring for Capitals.

School Cage Meet At Oak Bay Today

Victoria High School Totems defending champions, are hot favorites to grab top spot in the Lower Island school basketball tournament starting this morning at Oak Bay High School.

Eight schools have entered teams to see which four will send teams to the all-Island finals. Four more will come out of that tourney to enter the B.C. championships at Vancouver.

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